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McDONALD ADDED TO SOUTHERN SEMINARY STAFF



REV. ERWIN L. McDONALD

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 21 — Appointment of Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, of Russellville, Ark., to the staff of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as publicity director and managing editor of "The Tie," monthly news magazine of the seminary, was announced today by President Ellis A. Fuller.

The Rev. Mr. McDonald has been a student at the seminary and part-

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Baptist Book Store To Open At New Location April 29, Dedication At 10:30 A. M.

The Baptist Book Store will have its formal opening at its new location, 113 North President Street, on April 29, at 9:00 a.m. A brief dedicatory service will be held at 10:30 to which all friends and patrons are invited.

The Baptist Book Store has been serving Mississippi Baptists for more than twenty-five years in the distribution of Bibles, religious books, general books, children's books, and general Church supplies. They have leased this new building at 113 North President from which they expect to be able to render a wider service because

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DR. CARVER ANNOUNCES MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT S.B.C.

The regular meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society provided for in the Constitution is hereby called to meet in the New Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, Wednesday, May 7, at 9:00 a.m. This is a very important meeting at which the Executive Committee will submit changes proposed for the Constitution to comply with the Convention requirements in order that the Society may function as the History agency of the Convention as provided in the revised Convention Constitution. Besides life members every person contributing one dollar will be entitled to voting membership for this meeting.—W. O. CARVER, President.

Program Released For Southern Baptist Pre-Convention Pastors' Conference

Meeting With 2nd Baptist Church, St. Louis May 6, '47

Dr. M. E. Dodd—Chairman
Dr. Rolland N. Dutton—Local Committeeman
Fred Barnes—Director of Music
Howard Kelsey, A.A.G.O.—Organist

Morning Session

My Church and the Community

- 9:45—Worship Period — Dr. M. E. Dodd, Chairman
10:30—My Church, Week-day Education and the Public Schools — Dr. H. Leo Eddleman
11:15—My Church, Marriage and the Home — Dr. W. F. Powell
12:00—General Discussion.
12:30—Adjourn.

Afternoon Session

My Church and the Nation

- 2:15—Worship Period — Dr. Franklin Segler
2:30—The Pastor and Race Relationship — Dr. Edward H. Pruden
3:00—My Church and Public Morals — Dr. W. R. White
3:30—General Discussion
4:00—My Church and International Relationships. REPORTS:
1. On South America — Dr. R. Paul Caudill
2. On Australia and New Zealand — Dr. M. E. Dodd
3. On Japan — Dr. C. Oscar Johnson
4. On Russia — Dr. Louie D. Newton

Evening Session

The Pastor and His Church

- 7:15—A Worship Period — Dr. C. C. Warren
7:30—Growing a Spiritual Church — Dr. H. H. Hobbs
8:00—Growing an Evangelistic Church — Dr. R. G. Lee
8:30—Growing a Missionary Church — Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg.

Virginians Launch "Religious Liberty" Fight-Plan Of Action Presented

A resolution approved by the Richmond Baptist Conference and the Dover Association.

WHEREAS, the principle of Religious Liberty and the policy of separation of church and state are directly threatened by the passage of laws in nineteen states which permit assistance in one form or another through tax funds to other than public schools, by the enactment of a federal law providing tax funds for lunches in other than public schools, by the recent 5 to 4 decision of the Supreme Court upholding the use of public tax funds for the paying of bus transportation to children attending other than public schools and by pending bills which if enacted in their present form would permit the use of federal tax funds in other than public schools where the state laws and practice allow, and

WHEREAS tax funds carry the right of control by government and in such

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"MAN'S GREATEST NEED" IS SUBJECT FOR BAPTIST HOUR

The Baptist Hour will present Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas, in the broadcast next Sunday morning, April 27, who has selected for his subject, "Man's Greatest Need."

According to the Atlanta announcement, the service of the Baptist Hour is being greatly extended by beautiful printed copies of the messages, which are being mailed out to churches, pastors and other listeners who request them for use in evangelizing throughout the territory. Every such printed message also carries one or more membership cards through which a league of One Million is being formed who will pray every day for the spiritual awakening American and the world so much needs at this time.

April 27 is the date set for the change over to daylight saving time. Many of the stations will be operating on daylight saving time and all interested in the Baptist Hour will watch their daily papers and listen to their local radio stations to learn of the exact time of the Baptist Hour on that

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TO PRESIDE AT RETREAT



FRANKLIN E. MOAK

Presiding at all sessions of the State BSU Spring Retreat, beginning tomorrow at Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, will be State BSU President Franklin E. Moak, of the University of Mississippi. The Retreat is scheduled to begin with registration and fellowship at 3 p.m. Friday and closes at 4 p.m. Saturday and is to feature over forty people on the program, most of whom are students from the colleges of Mississippi.

Approximately 200 college students are expected to register for the meeting, according to State BSU Secretary Chas. W. Horner. Included on the program are Luther A. Harrison, Secretary, Department of Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Joe Abrams, of the State BTU Department; Pastors David T. Cranford, of First Church, Indianola; A. L. Gatewood, of First Church, Itta Bena, and

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MORE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT MISS. LAW ENFORCEMENT How To Organize The Citizens Christian Council

By Norman W. Cox

The first effective step to better law enforcement in Mississippi is the organization in each county of a Citizens Christian Council. We have enough good citizens in every county in Mississippi who are interested in better law enforcement to organize a strong effective Citizens Christian Council. All they need is leadership. For years they have seen the tides of lawlessness rise. They have been deeply troubled. They have hoped for help and none has come. They have become greatly discouraged. They have been wondering if anything could be done. In these Citizens Christian Councils we have a unit of organization and a method of procedure that will quickly prove to the people that something effective can be done if they are organized and function.

We need to organize these councils in every county in the state as quickly as possible. It is the one plan that

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seems available that will prove to the people themselves that something effective can be done.

On VJ Day our nation had fourteen million men in uniform. They had been mobilized, they had been disciplined, they had been trained, they had been equipped and were the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen. Six years before that time we had those same men but they lacked mobilization, disciplining, training, equipment and experience. At the end of the war they had all these. Not only did they have these things but they had won a victory that will go down in history as one of the great military achievements of the ages.

In Mississippi we have the good people. We have everything we need to create an effective army for civic righteousness but we are where our army and navy were six years ago before VJ Day. The first step towards gaining the victory that we desire is to create the organization in each county of a Citizens Christian Council. Ten thousand leaderless, disorganized, well trained citizens can do.

The lawless element is afraid of an organization of righteous men with righteous purposes. I have proved that again and again through the years. It takes very little in the way of a manifestation of organized effort on the part of those who love civic righteousness to scare the day lights out of the bootleggers and those who enable them to carry on their business without hindrance from the law. There can be no doubt whatever that if there is organized in each county in the State of Mississippi a live Citizens Christian Council for the objectives for which that organization would be created but that the situation in each county would be greatly improved and in due time such changes in the law can be enacted as will put us where we can obtain far better law observance and enforcement than we have had in the last twenty years.

We have no time to lose to get about this job of organizing a Citizens Christian Council in each county. At the very latest every county in Mississippi ought to be organized by the first of June. Let all those who are interested in the organization of such a Citizens Christian Council contact Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

The creation of these Citizens Christian Councils gets us away from the question of a separation of church and state. Their membership is composed of citizens. They are a group of Christian citizens to be banded together for the purpose of translating Christian principles, convictions and attitudes into life in the realm of law observance and law enforcement. They are a group of Christian citizens led by Christian citizen leaders who want to serve God and their country by opposing iniquity and the things that destroy character and life. They open their appeal to all lovers of righteousness regardless of what denominational connection they have.

These Citizens Christian Councils give those who love the cause of civic righteousness an opportunity to create an effective army whose force will be exercised to destroy evil and to build up good.

As quickly as these Councils can be



White bread tastes like cake to these refugee children in Germany. The flour for the bread and the milk in their cups were furnished by the Protestant Churches of America through Church World Service. In addition, clothing, bedding, shoes and food were distributed in 29 countries

organized in each of the counties a State Convention should be organized out of them. Such a State Convention can pool its resources of strength and leadership to map out an adequate legislative program and to take steps to secure its enactment.

Next week I will discuss in detail the objectives and work of these Citizens Christian Councils.

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VIRGINIANS LAUNCH "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY" FIGHT-PLAN OF ACTION PRESENTED

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use as that stated above may ultimately lead to unwholesome linking of state influence upon church or church influence upon state, and

WHEREAS such use of public tax funds may aid, develop, and propagate religious groups creating antagonism, strife and division among our American people, and

WHEREAS our concept of Democracy is a preservation of the rights of the minority groups in exercising freedom of conscience and whereas the use of federal tax funds may ultimately violate this principle of freedom of conscience through the exercise of undue influence by state upon church or church upon state, and

WHEREAS the founders of our American government and the framers of our Constitution in such persons as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington and Patrick Henry witnessed the unfortunate consequences of alliance between church and state, so forcefully set forth in the majority report of the Supreme Court in the New Jersey case rendered by Mr. Justice Hugo Black, as he summarized:

"A large proportion of the early settlers of this country came here from Europe to escape the bondage of laws which compelled them to support and attend government favored churches. The centuries immediately before and contemporaneous with the colonization of America had been filled with turmoil, civil strife, and persecutions, generated in large part by established sects determined to maintain their absolute political and religious supremacy. With the power of government supporting them, at various times and places, Catholics had persecuted Protestants, Protestants had persecuted Catholics, Protestant sects had persecuted other Protestant sects, Catholics of one shade of belief

served by the interdenominational relief agency. Medicine and vitamins are also given to those in need. We urge you to keep up your support of this gigantic undertaking by sending your surplus clothing to Church World Service Center at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

had persecuted Catholics of another shade of belief, and all of these had from time to time persecuted Jews."

Further quoting,

"These practices became so commonplace as to shock the freedom-loving colonials into a feeling of abhorrence. The imposition of taxes to pay ministers' salaries and to build and maintain churches and church property aroused their indignation. It was these feelings which found expression in the First Amendment. . . . The people here, as elsewhere, reached the conviction that individual religious liberty could be achieved best under a government which was stripped of all power to tax, to support, or otherwise to assist any or all religions, or to interfere with the beliefs of any religious individual or group."

"The establishment of religion clause of the First Amendment", continues Mr. Justice Black, "means at least this"—

"No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. . . . In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between church and state.'"

WHEREAS there is need to re-emphasize this historic principle in the thinking of our American people and to unify all like minded citizens in seeking to preserve this principle for the people of our nation through proper presentation of the issue to the general public and through legislative action and further to extend the principle to peoples of other nations through the United Nations Organization,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AS CITIZENS

1. WE REGISTER OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AND ALARM OVER THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL AND THE RECENT DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT WHICH PERMITS THE USE OF PUBLIC TAX FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OTHER THAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THEREBY BREACHING THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND VIOLATING THE GUARANTEED PRINCIPLES OF OUR CONSTITUTION.

2. WE STAND FOR THE ENACTMENT OF STATE AND NATIONAL

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Ten dollars from Every Baptist Record Family means Mississippi Baptists will provide for their own boys and girls. Eight hundred and forty of the 1080 enrolled in Mississippi College are Mississippians.

MCDONALD ADDED TO SOUTHERN SEMINARY STAFF

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time publicity director for the last three years, and will receive his B.D. degree at the annual spring commencement exercises, May 2.

A former newspaper man, McDonald was for several years city editor of the Russellville (Ark.) Courier-Democrat and news correspondent for The Associated Press. He was ordained to the ministry in 1938 and has served as pastor since that time. During his student years at the seminary he has been pastor of the Sligo (Ky.) Baptist church, a position he will relinquish upon assuming his full-time duties at the seminary on May 1.

Mr. McDonald is a graduate of Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, Ark., and received his A.B. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., where he was a member of the faculty as instructor in journalism before coming to Louisville.

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Chester L. Quarles, of First Church, Leland. Miss Frances Barbour, of the Southwide Student Department, Nashville, will also be on the program which will include seminars on the duties of BSU officers and talks and forums on current campus problems and experiences.

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date and the Sunday following.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Mississippi over radio stations WCBI, Columbus; WGRM, Greenwood; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel and at 7:30 CST Sunday morning.

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BAPTIST BOOK STORE TO OPEN AT NEW LOCATION APRIL 29,

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of enlarged space and more modern equipment.

One of the attractive features in the new store will be the large Bible display in the center of the store, serving as the hub, from which all spokes of the store-wheel will radiate. They have a complete stock of Bibles, many numbers of which have not been available since the war. Many numbers carry special prices available only at Baptist Book Stores because of quantity buying.

Another special feature will be the twenty-five feet of floor space devoted to Church and Sunday School Supplies. Practically all equipment used by Sunday schools and churches can be furnished by the Baptist Book Store.

A section is to be used for displaying religious pictures. Some of the choice prints of old masterpieces will be on display.

A projection room is equipped with the different types of Audio-Visual Aids for use in religious education. This room will also be used for previewing films from the Baptist Book Store film library.

A model church library will be on permanent display, as well as many other attractive features.

Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the store, and her entire staff, extend an invitation to all friends to the opening on April 29. They also offer you every service the store can render in the future.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

CORRECTION

Because we hope and believe many of you will use the two page Co-operative Program poster in the Baptist Record of last week, we are calling attention to a serious error in the break-down of the dollar. The Baptist Foundation receives .015c out of each dollar rather than .15c as printed. We greatly regret this mistake on our part. Please be sure and make the correction on your poster as we desire the absolute facts given the people.

WHO IS JESUS?

On one occasion the Lord Jesus asked His disciples: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Matthew 16:13). The answer given reveals the confusion of thought which prevailed regarding His identity.

"Some say Thou art John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

When asked the same question today, some say He was a great Teacher, some a fine Exemplar, and others a Wayshower, or the Master Christian! Is this all you would say of Him?

When the Lord Jesus turned the question on His disciples, it required nothing short of a divine revelation to enable Peter to answer: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

There are many persons today who would not make Peter's confession. They deliberately deny that Jesus is the Christ, despite the Apostle John's statement: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?" (1 John 2:22).

There are those who ignorantly assert that Jesus never claimed anything more for Himself than that He was the son of a carpenter.

Have they never heard that He said: "I am the Bread of life; the Light of the World, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the Son of God?"

In addition to that He said: "Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am." (John 13:13). Rightly so, Jesus is "Master" and "Lord."

Humans may have a mere, objective acquaintance with His person, but the Father has a real, an intimate and infinite knowledge of the Son, for the Lord Jesus said: "No man knoweth the Son but the Father." (Matthew 11:27).

What has the Father to say to the Son? "Unto the Son He saith: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." (Hebrews 1:8).

Think of it—the only One who possesses absolute knowledge of the Son calls Him "God!" This should satisfactorily answer the question "Who is Jesus?" for every inquiring mind.

The Apostle Paul writing about the Israelites says: "Whose are the fathers, and of who as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 9:5).

The Apostle John said: "We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true; and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." (1 John 5:20).

Truly happy is everyone who with Thomas of old says to the Lord Jesus Christ: "my Lord and my God!" Josiah Condor, the poet, wrote:

"Thou art the Everlasting Word,

The Father's only Son,
God manifestly seen and heard,
And heaven's beloved One.
In Thee, most perfectly expressed,
The Father's glories shine,
Of the full Deity possessed,
Eternally Divine!

"True image of the Infinite,
Whose essence is concealed;
Brightness of uncreated light,
The heart of God revealed.
But the high myst'ries of His Name
An angel's grasp transcend;
The Father only (glorious claim!)
The Son can comprehend.

"Yet loving Thee, on whom His love
Ineffable doth rest,
Thy members all, in Thee above,
As one with Thee art blest!
Throughout the universe of bliss,
The center Thou and Sun,
Th' eternal theme of praise is this,
To heaven's beloved One:

"Worthy, O Lamb of God, art Thou,
That every knee to Thee should bow!"
—NOW

II

While visiting in Asia, we saw many people who would not kill either a snake or a mosquito. On a main paved boulevard in a great city we saw a man darting in and out of the traffic picking up barnyard refuse in his bare hands. We saw a woman walking down the same boulevard with barnyard refuse in her bare hands. A cultured lady American missionary told us in very plain terms, smiling as she said it, that they used to scrub the floor of her room with barnyard refuse and added that the funny thing about it was that it seemed to get it clean.

Through Africa and Asia we were told not to drink water from any source unless we knew that water to be distilled water. We were told not to let our bare feet touch the floor of the hotel room at night. More people over there go barefooted than wear shoes. The very soil is contaminated with filth. More disease may be transmitted that way than any other way.

Now we wish some people who are so dead set against the purifying, uplifting, and saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ and His churches in this country might go to some such foreign countries and really see the difference between a land of churches and a churchless land. Some government agencies

that seem to enjoy ruling against churches might also learn a half dozen things by such a visit. If they don't want churches, we have no objection to them moving to lands where churchless countries exist. Some of us have sense enough, culture enough, and information enough to have a pretty good idea what churches mean in this and some other countries. After being in such countries, we have felt like coming back and kissing the doorstep leading into the house of worship.

III

We are greatly indebted to Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, for a thorough physical check-up. Friends will be glad to know they gave us a 95 to 98% clean bill of health. We are naturally gratified after going morning, afternoon, and night these years carrying heavy responsibilities and meeting many situations. Only one minor correction was found badly needed.

We had heard that Ochsners was the Mayos of the south, and it certainly measures up. It presents a splendid study in organization as well as personnel.

IV

On Easter Sunday morning we were in Lauderdale Association for a sunrise and church organization service at Carmel with Pastor J. L. Morgan, Toomsaba, Associational Missionary Martin J. Gilbert, Meridian, other preacher friends, and a tent literally filled with people. This is a part of a constructive associational program led by Missionary Gilbert.

We then flew over to Vicksburg for the opening revival service at Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church. In the afternoon we were with the saints at Grace Baptist Church.

While at Vicksburg we had the privilege of speaking four days at the Negro Seminary. This is a very fine work in which our pastors Haworth and Roberson assist.

Brother Homer Roberson, pastor, and song director, Lee Chambers, make a very fine team of leaders. Brother Roberson is one of our dynamic younger pastors and Brother Chambers is most helpful in both music leadership and church visitation. We have not been in a meeting in a long time with as many interruptions. It rained and stormed three days, still a lot of loyal people came to the service. The school, the Little Theater, and other groups had on major attractions evening after evening. The house was packed on Sunday and filled Monday, Friday, and Saturday. There were sixteen additions, about half of coming for baptism, and practically all were grown people, some of them outstanding conversions. God gave a great victory.

Mrs. T. D. Waddell, Irby Tallant, Mrs. Lee Chambers, Glenda Carol Carrothers, and Jean Moulder led in inviting people to church.

V

"A Devotional Interpretation of Familiar Hymns" by Earl E. Brock comes to our desk from Fleming H. Revell Company. The price is \$1.25 and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

"The Supreme Beatitude" is a very fine volume just off the press, and comes from the hand and heart of Dr. Earle V. Pierce, well known and greatly appreciated in Mississippi.

VI

SERMONS

A sermon is too often like Hodge's horse. It is overdone with brasses and bells, harness and harmony, but there is no real strength in it, no life and vigor. It is fine, but not forcible. Now, it strikes everybody that the trappings of a poor old half-starved horse look like mockery. You cannot plough fields with ribbons and bells; you want muscle and sinew; and so there is no moving men's hearts with pretty phrases and musical nothings. What is needed is thought, truth, and sound doctrine, and the Spirit of God. Young men are apt to think less of what to say than of how to say it; but our advice is, think of both in due proportion. Set the matter before the manner; get the horse first, and get a good one, and then harness him. Give the people the grand old Gospel, and plenty of it, and they will not much mind the way in which you bring it forth. A good horse should be decently harnessed, and Divine truth should be fitly spoken; the mischief is that some appear to think that the harness makes the horse, and that a fine style is the main thing in a sermon. Churches and chapels would not so often be empty if ministers would take heed what they preach as well as how they preach.

—Spurgeon.

Dr. C. V. Welch, pastor Central Baptist Church, Memphis, is in the Baptist Hospital, Memphis. A Mississippian by birth, known and loved in the state, and the father-in-law of Dr. G. E. Wiley, First Church, Grenada. His room number is 661 and cards and letter would help speed his recovery.

It is reported in the religious press that following the disastrous fire which swept the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, last February, that in one chapel service, faculty members, staff and students pledged more than \$21,000 toward the rebuilding fund. The City of Abilene has given \$125,000 to the fund and friends and alumni of the school are being asked to raise the additional \$75,000 to complete

First Church, Shreveport, La., received 83 members into the church, 33 of whom were for baptism at a recent meeting in which Rev. Bron Clifford of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was the preacher and Ira Prosser of Oklahoma was the song leader.

The first issue of the "Beacon" has appeared on the campus of Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg. Published by the students, monthly, the staff is composed of: Editor, H. T. Breland; associate editor, Reggie Sims; business manager, Omer Beard; mimeographer, Glen Hill and circulation manager, Martha Fancher.

the program. Several classes, during the emergency, are meeting in the neighboring University Baptist Church.

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How About It?

Robert Quillen, noted Editor, discusses a question that will be of interest to Baptists since they are strong believers in the democratic form of church government. We reprint some excerpts from one of his recent columns:

A few years ago a certain prominent gentleman who was born in Charleston, S. C., told me a story about the caste system in religious circles.

In Charleston, he said, the exclusive social set would look upon New York's rich people as vulgar Johnny come-latelies. And the proud colored people, equally exclusive, had a church where none but the elect were welcome.

On Sunday morning an old country Negro who wandered in to the church was met by an usher who said, not unkindly: "Brother, I believe you would feel more at home in some other house of worship."

The story may be apocryphal, but it is true to human nature.

During the Depression, it was not unusual for mendicants to say they could not attend church or the children could not go to Sunday school, because they had no clothes fit to wear.

They could come down town on a Saturday and mingle with the crowds on Main Street without shame, but were ashamed to go to church. An English philosopher once said that man instinctively dresses as well as he can when he goes to worship his God, but that wasn't the explanation in this case.

The people would not attend church in their old clothes because they know they would feel ashamed. They dreaded the way the well-dressed would look at them and the things that would be said about them. Right or wrong, they felt they would not be welcome.

The Protestant sects, most of them having few members, are divided for many reasons—usually matters of doctrines—but also by unconfessed social snobbery.

A certain church, composed of the humble in 1776, prospered and became high-hat, and the lowly no longer felt at ease in it. They drifted into another church, which also prospered, and again they sought sanctuary where they wouldn't feel unwelcome.

There is no sense in denying the truth. I have known people who quit one church and joined another in the frankly expressed hope of "being somebody" socially. There are many churches where poor and unschooled

people, who use bad grammar and wear sweat-stained and threadbare clothes, would be made to feel ill at ease and unwelcome.

Perhaps the people the Editor tells about who went to town wearing their best clothes and yet would not come to church, were to be blamed. However, let us at all times act in such a way as to prove to people that they are welcome, regardless of whether they wear fine raiment or not.

Did not one of the New Testament writers warn us about giving the best places to men wearing fine clothes and gold rings? Baptists are "plain folks" and if they become "high hat" they will shrivel in numbers as the other "exclusive groups" have done.

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Stresses Bible Reading And Prayer

Following the editorial recently printed in the Baptist Record regarding "parental" delinquency, several interesting letters have been received. One of these stresses that every home should have Bible reading and prayer. The writer paints a picture of the strength of the churches when the members become praying people, and love God with all their hearts. "Parents who are led by God's Spirit, who pray without ceasing for their children, are bound to lead them aright," says the writer. The efforts of Satan to defeat every thing the Christian would do are warned against.

The following Scriptures are suggested as good study on this subject: John 15; I John 2:4; Revelation 3:16; Daniel 9:13; Proverbs 22:6; Romans 8:31; Luke 18:5 and Matthew 23.

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A Good Example

It's refreshing to discover a Baptist pastor who has the courage to tell his congregation what he thinks is the New Testament way of life. The Baptist Record congratulates Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, First church, Ft. Smith, Arkansas for his recent attack on beer and liquor stores and his admonition to the members of his church in the matter. Pastor Ferguson published a list of every place in Fort Smith holding liquor or beer permits, distributed them to his congregation and said, "these lists will serve as a guide sheet to enable our people to shun these places. What justifiable reason could a Christian give for spending money with those who are engaged in the worst business known to mankind? We believe this to be the only consistent thing a Christian can do. . . stay away from them." When the national prohibition law was repealed, Pastor Ferguson's church passed a resolution that "no one selling intoxi-

cating liquors could retain membership in the church" and he adds, "that resolution holds good and will be carried out". Thank God for Pastor Ferguson and such a church.

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That Is Not Tithing, Brother

If it were not for the seriousness which disobedience to God's Word implies, we would be constantly amused, not to mention amazed, at the various things we see and hear concerning the "tithe". How any honest believer can disregard lightly, God's Word in this matter is beyond this editor. How Baptists, who emphasize New Testament belief, can wilfully, NOT IGNORANTLY, choose their own methods of tithing is just plain beyond me. There may be those of our constituency who can claim ignorance of the matter, but we don't see how a regular reader of this periodical can justify any position other than God's manner and method of the tithe.

We recently have heard of one good man who used most of his tithe money for his son's seminary education. The purpose is excellent and the parental interest is commendable, but God doesn't say that is the right way. His Word says that we shall "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" and it has not been repealed as this edition goes to press. Jesus commended and practiced the tithe. Can we do less than obey the command of God and the precepts of the Master?

On another occasion we learned of one who used tithe money to memorialize a poem to a departed loved one. That is sentimentally a grand gesture, but would not the same money, honestly brought into the local church treasury as a tithe, then used in the manner in which our Cooperative program distributes the money, have done much more to carry out the Great Commission to the living? God expects us to follow and not to originate new ideas about His plan for the tithe.

Each reader can probably multiply these incidents many-fold but we cannot justify nor commend such practices. The TITHE is the Lord's. Let's keep it that way.

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LAST CALL FOR COPENHAGEN

Parties for the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen July 29-August 3 are rapidly being filled. The party being sponsored by C. Aubrey Hearn, associate editor of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, and H. S. Sauls, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Denmark, South Carolina, has some space left. The transoceanic part of the trip will be by American Airlines plane, the European part by train and channel steamer. Visits will be made to Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, France and England. Information on request.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Lost Publicity Potential

Some days ago there occurred an unusually interesting Sunday night service in one of our large Southern Baptist Churches, one that lent itself admirably to photographic treatment. Had this church been alert to inform the daily newspaper of the city of the forthcoming event it is certain the paper would have had a photographer on hand and the probabilities are that the picture and story would have made the front page, and very likely would have appeared in many other papers throughout the South. Had such an event occurred in any Catholic church it is a certainty that the opportunity would not have been neglected.

Baptists should not be too critical of the press when they complain of the large space given to the Catholics. Failure to give Baptists a corresponding space is not all the time due to the favoritism of the press toward the Catholics, but simply to the fact that the Catholics are alert to their opportunities. In every Catholic diocese in the metropolitan areas men trained in the techniques of modern journalism represent their church and see to it that the daily newspapers are kept informed of important Catholic news events.

Every large metropolitan Baptist church ought to commission one of their members to accept responsibility for maintaining friendly relations with the daily press and inform the papers in advance of coming events of importance. Doubtless in every city church there are already in the membership trained newspaper men who would be happy to use their professional ability in the interest of their church if they were assigned the specific duty. If not, there are certainly in every church men, who by reading a few books on journalistic procedures sufficient to enable them to render an effective service to their local church and to the denomination at large.

An immense amount of space in the daily press is lost to the Baptist cause every week simply because no one has been made responsible for that important phase of public relations. Let every church, even the small churches, charge some one, or a committee, with this highly important service.—
THE BAPTIST REVIEW.

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MISSISSIPPIS IN TEXAS

In a recent letter to the Editor, Pastor J. E. Glenn of the Cockrell Hill church in Dallas, Texas, praises the work done by Rev. Homer Roberson, pastor of Bowmar Avenue church in Vicksburg and his assistant, O. L. Chambers in a simultaneous revival in which 100 churches in that area cooperated. The work of the Mississippians was outstanding, and surpassed anything their church had ever had, according to the pastor.

Judson Glenn, a student at Clarke College also assisted, having charge of youth evangelistic services an hour preceding the night meeting. Many adult people, enjoyed the young people's meeting through the loud speakers.

Making The Most OF OUR MISSISSIPPI MEN

J. H. STREET, Secretary
Brotherhood Department
P. O. Box 530,
Baptist Building, Jackson



NEW PRESIDENT
Henry Edmonds

Perhaps it is fitting that a young man should have been elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention. The work in Mississippi is comparatively new and the future of Brotherhood work lies largely in the hands of our younger men. Henry is a progressive lawyer in Jackson. He is married and has three children. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Edmonds. Having been reared in a pastor's home, he can see things from the viewpoint of the pastor as well as the layman. He is an excellent speaker and an outstanding Sunday School teacher. He is a leading member of the Northside Church, Jackson.

Having served as president of Brotherhood District One and as vice-president of the State Brotherhood Convention, Henry comes to his new task well qualified in all respects for his great responsibility. Surely our Mississippi men will give him their love, loyalty and prayers as he takes up his new work.

NEW BROTHERHOOD

Glendale, Lebanon, Rev. J. A. Cothen, pastor (Route 1, Hattiesburg). This Brotherhood was organized on Easter Sunday. They have fifteen men enrolled and meet twice monthly on Tuesday evening. The president is J. C. Hobby. Other officers are Estus Triggs, M. L. Watts, L. C. Anderson and Jack Gandy. They have a fine start for some great work in their church and community.

PRAY FOR NEW SECRETARY

It is commonly known now throughout the state that Brotherhood Secretary J. H. Street has resigned his position, effective on May 1, 1947 to return to the pastorate. He will become pastor of the Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, upon the date named. A fuller statement will be made by the retiring Secretary in a later issue.

We now desire to request the prayers of all Mississippi Baptists and other interested friends, that the Lord may lead to the proper man to take up the leadership of Brotherhood work in Mississippi. We also voice

BAPTIST BOOK STORE TO OPEN AT NEW LOCATION APRIL 29, DEDICATION AT 10:30 A. M.

(Continued from Page Two)
LEGISLATION IN LANGUAGE SO CLEAR THAT "IT CANNOT FAIL OF TRUE INTERPRETATION," WHICH WILL PRECLUDE THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES OR WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY RELIGIOUS GROUP.

3. WE PROPOSE THAT A DETERMINED EFFORT BE MADE TO EXTEND THE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TO ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND WE EARNESTLY PETITION THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CHAMPION FIRMLY THE RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES EVERYWHERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER AND BILL OF RIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. WE URGE ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TO DEFEND AND TO PROPAGATE THE PRINCIPLE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND TO MAKE CLEAR THE ISSUES INVOLVED BY A CONSTRUCTIVE PLAN OF COOPERATIVE ACTION.

We recommend this plan of action:

1. The adoption of the above resolutions.

2. That a pattern which will serve as a program of action for our Baptist people be suggested to include:

(1) Newspaper Display Advertisements

a. The Historic Principle of Religious Liberty in America

b. The Current Threat to Religious Liberty in America—the need of extending Religious Liberty as a World Issue—setting forth its values in undergirding the whole process of democratic culture

c. Set forth the Public Schools as the unifying integrating force and sponsor of Democratic Culture

(2) That pastors be requested to preach simultaneously in city's and associations as early as practicable to be followed on Wednesday evenings by a study of our Baptist history.

(3) That the above resolutions upon adoption be sent to the members of the State and National legislative bodies; that pastors and laymen be urged to express their views on the principle of Religious Liberty and to voice their opposition to objectionable features of pending legislation by direct letter to their representatives; and that petitions be prepared for circulation among the congregations of various churches.

(2) That a brief and simple pamphlet be written on Religious Liberty and the issue before us for general distribution.

3. That Dr. J. M. Dawson, Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Public Relations Committee be requested to present the above matters to the Northern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the National Baptist Convention, seeking to secure united purpose and action by Baptists of the United States.

4. That the Southern Baptist Convention authorize the Richmond-Dover Committee to act with the Public Relations Committee in carrying this program to other agencies named.

Signed by,

REUBEN E. ALLEY
JOHN W. HUGHSTON
JAMES H. IVEY,
Chairmen

the hope and prayer of many that the post of Brotherhood Secretary may be filled as soon as possible.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary
Box 530 - - Phone 2-1600 - - Jackson
DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary

RIDGECRESTERS REGISTER

The first to register for places in our Ridgecrest delegation this year are Student Secretary and Mrs. Louie Farmer and three of their students from Clarke. One dollar is the price and from now on is the time. Twenty-eight have already indicated they are going from Miss. College. . . We meet, beginning tomorrow, in what we hope will be Mississippi's best BSU Spring Retreat from a spiritual standpoint, that is. In these last preceding hours, please pray earnestly that the Retreat will enhance our Christian witness on the campuses of Mississippi. . . Jesus said on one occasion, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." Is not the Bible plain in showing that Jesus taught his disciples and practiced Himself not only the paying (not giving) of the tithe, but the giving above the tithe? . . . Of 261 Baptist students at Co-Lin Junior College, 150 are members of a local Baptist church. Two were recently won to Christ at Co-Lin. . . From MSCW's The Flambeau comes this one: "sup-

pose your baby reigns as king in your family?" "No—not king, but Prince of Walls." . . . Recently the Whitworth College Octette provided special music at a revival service of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, singing *My Task*. . . May's Baptist Student is one of the best ever with articles about Blue Mountain's Focus Week and by Mississippi's native son J. L. Sullivan, now pastor in Nashville, among other interesting things. Also, there's a picture of Jim Barnhill, former MC Choc-taw, now a student at Yale. . . Miss. State reports a regular Bible Study Period on Thursday nights which is proving very helpful. . . 125 is the average attendance at Jones Junior's weekly prayer meeting, 50 at their daily meeting. 96% of their Baptist students give systematically to a local church. . . Miss Zelma Van Osdol, of Pascagoula, who is awaiting her appointment as a missionary to China, will be the speaker at the coming YWA banquet at Clarke. . .

BAPTIST STUDENTS RAISE FUND FOR PLANE

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. —(RNS)—Baptist students in Arkansas colleges are contributing dollars and half-dollars to buy an airplane.

Their contributions come in reply to a request from state Baptist Student Union president John Reed of the University of Arkansas here that an airplane would allow the denomination's state student worker, T. D. McCulloch, to visit their campuses more often.

McCulloch, a licensed pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours to his credit, said a light plane would allow frequent visits to the state's 14 campuses where Baptist students are organized.

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Ten dollars from Every Baptist Record Family means Mississippi Baptists will provide for their own boys and girls. Eight hundred and forty of the 1080 enrolled in Mississippi College are Mississippians.

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

April 23—Miss Martha Murckhalter, music department, Mississippi College; Miss Susie Lee Rogers, school faculty, Baptist Orphanage.

April 29—Rev. B. E. Phillips, Lawrence County Convention Board member; Rev. Owen Williams, member committee on Aged ministers.

April 30—Dr. M. P. L. Berry, member Board of Ministerial Education; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, member committee on Temperance.

May 1—W. D. Cole, Neshoba County Convention Board member; Miss Neola Henson, school faculty, Baptist Orphanage.

May 2—Mrs. B. Whitfield, Trustee, Mississippi Woman's College; D. C. Simmons, Trustee, Baptist Hospital.

May 3—A. M. Donnell, member Blue Mountain faculty; Dr. Norman W. Cox, member committee on social service.

May 4—Annual W.M.U. Meeting in St. Louis, May 4-6; Miss Ruby Langston, school faculty, Baptist Orphanage.

Help All Causes of Christ Through the Co-operative Program!

Our three Seminaries receive large help through the Co-operative Program. Help give them the best! Give through the Co-operative Program.

Our 1947 GOAL—\$1,000,000 through the Co-operative Program from Mississippi Baptists!

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

R. A. CAMP DIRECTOR



MR. J. CLIFFORD GOARE

Mr. Clifford Goare comes to our state this summer as Camp Director for the Royal Ambassador camps. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Auburn University. After 3 years of service in the Navy, he began his studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he is located at present.

Royal Ambassador campers throughout the state particularly welcome the arrival of this one who will be so closely associated with them this summer. We are happy to announce his coming, and feel that his work at Camp Garaywa will greatly influence the boyhood of Mississippi.

CAMP GARAYWA 1947

SCHEDULE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMPS

Junior Girl's Auxiliary

Cost: \$8.00

July 28-Aug. 2—District 1

August 4-9—District 2

August 11-16—Districts 3, 4

August 18-23—Districts 5, 7

August 25-30—Districts 6, 8

Junior Royal Ambassador

Cost: \$8.00

May 26-31 (Any group whose school is out, please plan to come this week, no matter what District you are in)

June 9-14—Districts 5, 7

June 16-21—Districts 3, 4

June 23-28—Districts 1, 2

June 30-July 5—Districts 6, 8

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary

Cost: \$10.00

July 7-12—Districts 5, 6, 7, 8

July 14-19—Districts 1, 2, 3, 4

Intermediate Royal Ambassador

Cost: \$10.00

June 2-7

Young Woman's Auxiliary

Cost: \$10.00

July 21-26

NOTE:

I. All prices quoted above include registration fee, Mission Study book, room and board.

II. All camps begin with registration on Monday afternoon and close after breakfast Saturday morning.

III. CAMP GARAYWA is the place where all camps will be held. Signs

just west of Clinton, Miss., will direct you to this site.

COME TO ST. LOUIS

In 1888, the same year that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was pioneering in organizing woman's suffrage work, southern Baptist women were meeting and organizing for the furtherance of Christian missions. The history from those beginnings to its present increased missionary activities gives the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, a glorious heritage.

During the W.M.U. meeting there will be a program depicting the achievements for the W.M.U. Training School since 1907. A breakfast for Training School graduates will be held one morning during the May meeting with Miss Carrie Littlejohn, principal, as the main speaker. Mrs. John Slaughter of Birmingham, Alabama, the alumnae president, will preside.

Judge Camille Kelley of Memphis, Tennessee, a pioneer woman in the field of correcting juvenile delinquency, will be a speaker on the W.M.U. program. She will speak at the evening session on Sunday, May 4th, at 8 o'clock in the Opera House of the Municipal Auditorium.

This year of anniversaries of women's achievements is an opportune time to be in attendance at the W.M.U. meeting where women plan and progress in world missions. Therefore, come to St. Louis for May 4-11.—MRS. H. A. KUNTZ, St. Louis W.M.U. Publicity Chairman.

Saturday Services Started By 1st Church, Philadelphia

The congregation of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, under the leadership of its pastor, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, inaugurated on April 5 the first of the weekly Saturday religious services on the Court House Lawn.

Friends have purchased a good public address system costing around three hundred dollars. The outfit includes a phonograph for the use of high grade religious records.

Messages of salvation and life in Jesus Christ are brought to the hundreds and thousands who come to the city on Saturdays. The services are marked by compassion and power, simplicity and dignity. Many hear them who attend no churches. Three races are well represented in the audience: The white, the negro, and the Indian. No offering is taken, but tracts and Gospels are distributed by friends.

This work is sponsored also by the Neshoba Associational Executive Board and the churches and pastors in the county. In the future it will be under the general direction of the Associational Pastor, Rev. Kenneth G. Hall. From time to time many of these pastors will preach in the services. Thus in this way also the Baptists in Philadelphia and Neshoba county will endeavor to reach the multitudes for the Savior. "The Local Baptist Hour" time is reserved by the sheriff each Saturday afternoon.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Ridge Church, sent in by Mrs. L. O. Barnett of Biloxi, Miss.

Season Of Prayer Scheduled In Deer Creek Association

April 28 has been designated by Deer Creek Association as a season of prayer for Associational missions.

Associational missionary, Rev. Harold Douglas of Hollandale, will be glad to send full information to anyone requesting it.

The program follows:

PROGRAM FOR SEASON OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

April 28, 1947—Total Offering

Goal \$1,000

Song: "Lead On O King Eternal."

Devotional: I John 1:9.

Prayer—For a Personal Re-Dedication to the High Call of Evangelism.

A Review of the Progress of Evangelism in Deer Creek Association.

Prayer—That Deer Creek Baptist go forward in their Program of Evangelism. Opportunities for Evangelism in Deer Creek Association.

Special Music—"The Ninety and Nine."

Evangelistic Opportunities among the Negroes in Deer Creek Association.

Prayer—That We May Use our Opportunities in Evangelism Among the Negroes in Deer Creek Association.

Vacation Bible School Evangelism in Deer Creek Association.

Prayer—For The Evangelistic Opportunities in our Vacation Bible School Program.

Illustrations in Evangelistic Efforts Made by the Individuals of our Association.

Prayer—For Rev. and Mrs. D. I. Young, Sr., in their work among the Chinese.

Special Music.

Offering.

Benediction.

HOW TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE CONGRESS, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Messengers going to Copenhagen under the direction of a touring agency should ask that agency to send their names and addresses to Dr. Bredahl Peterson, Shetlandsgrade 4, Copenhagen, Denmark, stating what class hotel they desire.

Class A hotels charge from 15 to 25 Danish crowns per night for a room for one person, or 25 to 35 crowns for two persons.

Class B hotels charge 9-14 crowns for one person, or 16 to 20 crowns for two.

Class C hotels charge 4-8 crowns for one, or 8-15 crowns for two.

Private lodgings will cost about 5 crowns per day.

For rapid calculation, a crown may be counted as worth about twenty cents in American money.

Persons not traveling in tours should write to the office of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington as soon as possible, sending in names and addresses and stating what kind of hotel is desired. These names will be forwarded to Copenhagen. The local committee in Copenhagen will assign such delegates to certain hotels and will notify them directly before the Congress which hotel has been chosen.

Letters should be sent by air mail. The office of the Alliance in Washington will forward names received to Copenhagen. All rooms in hotels will be assigned by the local committee in Copenhagen. It will do no good for delegates to the Congress to write to hotels in Copenhagen.

It is hoped all assignments will be made by July 1st.

Delegates should notify Copenhagen when they expect to arrive.

W. O. LEWIS, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. W. H. Knight, state mission secretary in Louisiana, is able to return to his office after a severe heart attack last year.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

STATE MUSIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE JUNE 29-JULY 4

Plans are being completed for our first State Music Leadership Conference to be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, for one week.

The following musicians have been secured for the faculty: Mrs. Ella Steele, Chicago, for voice and women's chorus. Mrs. Steele is a native of Atlanta and the daughter of a Baptist minister. Homer Rodeheaver says she is the best in Chicago.

Clyde Woolford, Tyler, Texas, was drafted by Texas for City Chorus, high school, Junior College and church there. He will teach voice, men's chorus, and advanced conducting, also mixed chorus.

Paul G. Fisher will teach orchestra and private work with all instruments. Dr. B. B. McKinney and Hines Sims of the Sunday School Board say that Paul is one of the best young musicians that they know. Paul worked with the First Baptist church in Nashville, Tennessee while he was in service there.

Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Dallas, Texas, will teach Hymn Playing. Mrs. Riddle is the author of the book, "Hymn Playing", the only book of its kind in the world.

Mrs. B. H. Kenna, Clinton, Mississippi, will teach advanced piano. Many have wanted to study with a master musician. Here is your chance. Mrs. Kenna teaches piano in the schools of Clinton.

Miss Hazel Chisholm, Jackson, Mississippi, will teach pipe organ. Miss Chisholm is the best in the South and will use the large Skinner organ for teaching.

We plan to have a teacher for the Hammond organ. Many churches have an organ of this type and we will have an expert in this field also.

We will have beginner's conducting, advanced conducting and theory for beginners taught by Luther A. Harrison.

Each church should take steps by voting, to pay the expenses of your director and pianist or organist.

The cost will be a \$6 fee which will pay for a package of music to be used and taken home to use in the church there. Homes will be provided at \$1 per night. Meals will cost what the individual wants to spend at the various eating places in the city. The total should not run more than \$16.00. Private lessons will be \$2 each.

Invest about \$35 and your church music program should be greatly helped.

Department song leaders and pianists are urged to take advantage of this course. Future musicians, 15 years old and up are invited.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THIS CONFERENCE, JUNE 29-JULY 4.

Rev. John F. Noll told the Catholic Conference on Family Life that there were 7,000,000 members of Protestant churches in the 50 largest cities in the U.S. and 20,000,000 Catholics. He pointed out that the crime rate and divorce rate was also higher in the big cities.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary . . . Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(1) Juniors; (2) All others

Sun. (1) 2 Cor. 8:1-15; (2) John 6:5-13

Mon. (1) Luke 18:1-14; (2) Matt. 6:9-13

Tues. (1) Heb. 10:19-25; (2) Gen. 8:22; 9:13-16

Wed. (1) 2 Tim. 2:2; Titus 2:1-8; (2) Matt. 7:21-27

Th. (1) Eph. 4:1-6; (2) Deut. 34:1-6

Fri. (1) John 1:35-42; (2) Judges 9:8-15

Sat. S.S. Lessons

Again we have to make additional copies of the contest materials as many of our leaders are requesting them. This reveals the fact that we are going to have a large number of contestants in our District Conventions. We trust it also means that most of our unions are including these activities as a regular part of their unions work.

ABRAMS REPORTS ON LUMBERTON

The Training Union Department through Mr. Abrams had the pleasure of cooperating with Pastor Cranford in conducting a study course for the Lumberton church the first week in April, and according to Mr. Abrams no

finer cooperation could be expected than was given by church and pastor. The average for the week was 103 with a fine spirit manifested all the way through. Conflicts as are usually experienced were encountered but the membership proved loyal making the weeks work one to be long remembered.

CLEVELAND'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The first week in April found four of the State Training Union workers in Cleveland for an associational Leadership School. Skene, Boyle, Morrison's Chapel, Merigold, and Shelby cooperated in the school and in every way it was a grand week. Cleveland proved to be a marvelous host church and there is an existing spirit of fellowship on the part of churches that is wholesome. Following this week in Cleveland three of our workers remained in the county to serve in two Central Training Schools. Mrs. Greenoe worked with the Shelby church and says that never has she been in a church where there was a more friendly spirit, and never has she worked with a pastor who gave himself more fully to the program for the week. Rev. J. J. Burson is the beloved pastor. As a result it was a most suc-

SHARON CHURCH, JONES COUNTY, TO BE DEDICATED

Gates, Simmons, Wallec and Mooney Have Parts On Program



Sharon Baptist Church will occupy its new building April 27.

Built according to plans furnished by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the church plant includes a spacious auditorium and a two story educational building. Gas heat has been installed and the W.M.S. has provided seats for the auditorium. A baptistry has also been built. The Convention Board made a contribution of \$900 on the building.

The pastor, Rev. J. D. Wallace will preach the final sermon in the old building at 10:35 on the morning of April 27. The congregation will then march to the new building. There Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor emeritus of

successful week. Misses Hill and Conner worked with the Skene church, and they too bring a report of wonderful leadership on the part of the pastor there, Rev. D. I. Young Jr. The cooperation here was wonderful in the face of many conflicts including school activities. Special mention needs to be made of the Boyle church under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Carroway as they were most faithful in the cooperation in bringing their leaders to the Leadership School the week in Cleveland, and then in carrying a large group each evening to Skene for the Central School. Special credit is due the following pastors who gave themselves unselfishly in the promotional program of these two weeks—Charles Treadway, J. J. Burson, C. C. Carroway, D. I. Young Jr., Joel Sturdivant, H. G. Wilkes, and these are six reasons for the success of the work.

ANTIOCH IN ITTAWAMBA ORGANIZES UNION

Through pastor J. C. Graham we have the report of the plans to begin a Training Union at Antioch church in Ittawamba Co. Brother Graham, ever interested in the growth and development of his members writes that the Antioch church was ready for this additional program in their church, feeling that they needed the training that would come to them through the Training Union. Best wishes, and our pledge to cooperate in every way possible.

In our word about the wonderful Bible Emphasis week the Calvary Tupelo church had a few weeks ago the

the First Church, Laurel, who led in raising much of the money for the building, will preach at 11:00 o'clock.

Dr. Bryan Simmons who was pastor when the building program was launched will preach in the afternoon, and Rev. Gaston Mooney, a former pastor will preach at the evening service.

All former pastors and the public are invited. A basket dinner will be served at the noon hour.

The pastor, J. D. Wallace attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary two years, is a graduate of Clarke College, and is now attending Mississippi College. He is also pastor of Friendship Church of Jones County.

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SKILTON RELEASED FOR WORK IN KENTUCKY

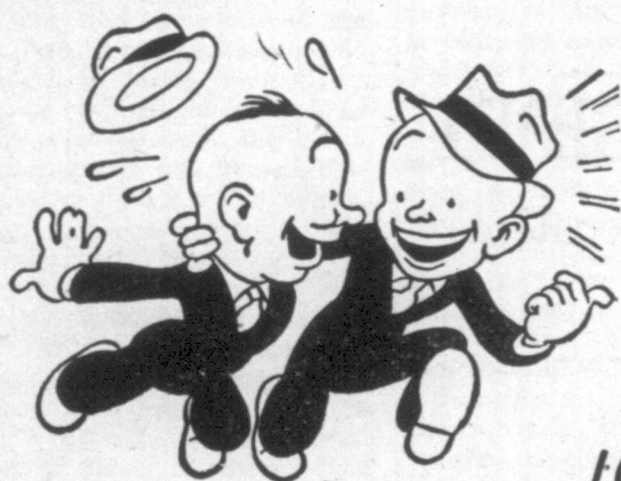
BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 12—At the request of Dr. L. C. Kelly, President of the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Ky., President Lawrence T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College has released Frank E. Skilton, Director of Public Relations of the College, for several weeks to collaborate with Dr. Kelly in establishing a public relations program for the Mountain Preachers Bible School.

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CARD OF THANKS: Henry W. Dear of Pinola who was ill for a month wishes to express his appreciation for the kindnesses shown by many friends during his illness. Among those mentioned particularly were Dr. Brock and the nurses at Baptist Hospital, Rev. V. C. Windham and his family, Dr. Love of Mendenhall and Dr. Langston of New Hebron, and also neighbors and friends.

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name of Rev. Winfred Moore, pastor of the Harrisburg church was omitted as one of the teachers. With the exception of one night, Brother Moore taught the Intermediate class. Mr. Watson, Educational Director of the Calvary church in reporting the work has this to say about their director "Our Director, Fred W. Davis, is one of the best I ever saw—he's just what the doctor ordered!" The average attendance for that weeks work was 130 with 115 receiving awards.



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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for April 27

NATIONAL GLORY AND DECAY. II
Samuel 5:9; I Kings 1-11.

I. Rapid Glances at David's Reign.
1. The capture and conversion of Jerusalem.

It had been the city of Salem, Salem of the Jebusites, and for the 300 years which had elapsed since the conquest of the country under Joshua, the city had resisted all efforts of the Israelites to subdue it. But David succeeded where others had failed so often that the inhabitants of the city thought it an impregnable stronghold, easily defended from whatever assailant, even by the blind and lame. Salem of the Jebusites became the Holy City, the city of David. 2. The Kindness of David. II Samuel 9:1-13. Read this touching story of the kindness David showed to Jonathan's cripple son. Mark the conduct of Mephibosheth when brought into the presence of the king. Mephibosheth had every reason to believe he was being conducted to his death; for it was a fixed rule of royal policy to put to death any member of a deposed dynasty lest they should lead a counter revolution. But David remembered Jonathan and showed kindness to his son. 3. Sunset of David's Day. I Kings 1:1-2:11. Read it. David's life is drawing to a close. He has done things which God does not excuse, and we are not asked to. The first three sons of the king had died, and the fourth had been indulged by David. This fourth wanted to be king, of course, and, by the law of primogeniture, the crown was his. But David had chosen Solomon, doubtless for his mother's sake. So Adonijah, the legal heir by the law of succession, was thrust aside to make way for David's favorite son. II. The Reign of Solomon. I Kings 2:12-11:43. 1. Extent of the kingdom. I. M. Price says it contained some 50,000 square miles, a bit less than the area of Illinois, a bit more than New York. 2. Removal of Rivals. Solomon moved in this respect like the typical oriental monarch—sooner or later, all his rivals and political antagonists were sent to death. 3. His Wise Choice. I Kings 3:5-9. He might have chosen anything. He chose wisdom from God for the advantage of the people, and God gave him such wisdom as has set Solomon for all time among the wisest of men. Wisdom was Solomon's greatest need, as it is of every one else, and he received what he asked in abundant measure. His surviving writings set him high among the sagest sons of earth. 4. The Temple. I Kings 8. This is a story of absorbing interest, an account of the construction of the most famous house of worship in all the ancient world. Oh, I know what someone may say as to the surpassing splendor of the Temple of Dians, but poor Diana died many centuries ago, but the Temple of Solomon lives on in the splendor of it until this day. Read in the story the predominant part played by the king. He was leader in all. 5. The Glories of His Reign. Came wise men and women from all about to commune with Solomon and to behold his

Pastors Hit Commercialized Observance Of Holy Days

DUNN, N. C., —(RNS)— Hitting at the commercialized observance of Easter and Christmas, the Dunn ministerial association has adopted a resolution asking all organizations in the city to set aside Easter and Christmas weeks for religious and not social observances and urging that if parties and functions be held they not be called Easter or Christmas parties.

As a result of the resolution, the Dunn Junior Chamber of Commerce has called off plans for what had been billed as an "Easter dance."

"It is the definite conviction of the ministers of the churches of Dunn that these two weeks should be sacredly kept and that no festivities out of keeping with the spirit of these occasions should be planned," the association's resolution declared.

"The Church Universal recognizes Christmas and Easter as special periods for the spiritual enrichment of the life of the individual, the nation and the world. In the past few years both periods have been commercialized and social groups have used them for social functions. If in spite of this principle some groups feel they must have their festivities, they are requested not to denominate them with the name of 'Easter' and 'Christmas.'"

glory. And the verdict was, "There is none other like."

III. Solemn Warnings from the Story of Solomon. I. He was at the first a good man. 2. He went wrong. He had great capacities, but they were linked with great weaknesses. God gave him great wisdom; but his father and mother gave him sensuality. No doubt he inherited some good qualities from his father, but there is no doubt he inherited all the bad from his father and his mother. Let us get for ourselves the truth that the only really great, worthwhile possession is a good character. Great Dr. M. O. Patterson said, "Decision of character is the ability to decide a matter so that it stays decided". This characteristic Solomon lacked. He compromised. He wanted a splendid kingdom, shining with a splendor like that of the kingdoms around him. He married the daughter of first one pagan king and then another, and allowed his pagan wives to bring their idols along with them into Jerusalem. First, his wives, then some of his own people, and finally, he himself, was led away from the true God.

A worldly pride, and all the cruel tasks he imposed upon his people that his pride might be gratified.

A presumptuous dallying with evil, and a consequent backsliding from his original position of absolute dependence on God. Marriage entered into at the sacrifice of religious values is a tragic reality today as in Solomon's day.

Solomon failed to cultivate in his people a spirit of self-reliance. Instead, he withdrew them from independent walks and competition in production and set them all at work on public projects. His was an absolute monarchy, a totalitarian state, in which the individual was sunk out of sight, snatched away from home, set to strength-exhausting, back-breaking, spirit-slaying work, all to the neglect of whatever business they may have had at home. He did nothing the economic activities of his people.

SOMETHING CAN BE DONE

Dr. Cox's articles on Mississippi law enforcement should be read by all our people. The evil forces are well organized and financed. Their propaganda machines are busy continuously in an effort to lead our people to believe that nothing can be done to curb lawlessness.

Something can be done about it and it is our firm conviction that a Christian Citizens League organized in every county can change the entire situation in the state of Mississippi this summer. They are outside our churches, though composed of Christian people. They can, therefore, put Christian men in office who will give us some constructive laws and enforce the existing ones. The majority of all law violation is traceable to liquor. Most of the finances of the underworld gang come from the liquor industry.

A league can be organized where some interested person will call the pastors and very select laymen together for a conference. The Department of Temperance Activities will be glad to help in the organization. We have some helpful suggestions, copies of the purpose of other leagues, and their constitution and by-laws. We shall be glad to come whenever the opportunity presents itself and assist in the organization of these leagues.—W. L. HOLCOMB.

—BR—

Rev. William S. Dixon, Baptist Evangelist, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas has been receiving congratulations from friends, on completion of a quarter of a century in revival meetings extending throughout the Nation. His 1946 meetings in five states, carried him over 9,300 miles.

LOUIN HAS SUNRISE SERVICE "THE RESURRECTION" PRESENTED

Louin Church is being richly blessed of the Lord. A B.T.U. study course has recently been completed. The church was spiritually enriched. A V.B.S. is to be held in June.

On Thursday night, April 3, a beautiful pageant, "The Resurrection" in candlelight was presented. Many say that it was the most beautiful thing ever presented in Louin.

The first sunrise service in the history of the church was held on Easter Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock. The Spirit of God was manifest all during the service. The grand climax was the observance of the Lord's Supper after which all joined hands for a circle of prayer.

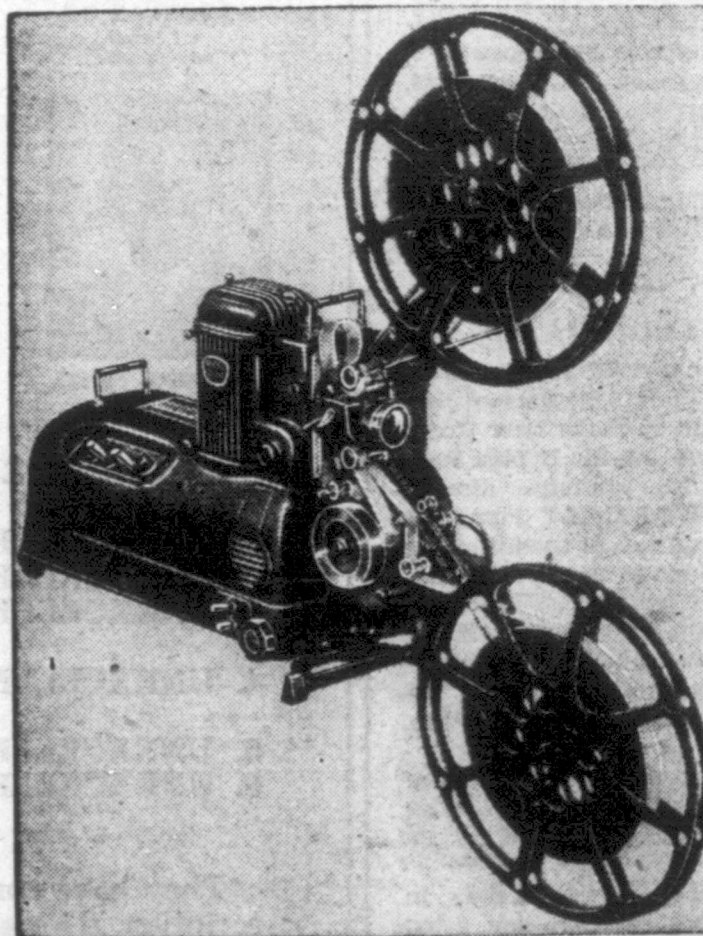
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"Swift to Answer" by Mrs. Joyce Hook-Zema a writer for 15 years, is a collection of short stories which will be welcomed by those who have read her novel *After Many Days*. These stories are a cross-section of life as lived by real people. The author has the human touch which is the strength of all her fiction. Order from the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.50.

CORRECTION: In the listing of the Lottie Moon offerings for Foreign Missions the gifts from Brooklyn W.M.S. should have read \$48.30 instead of \$6.50, and Wallerville \$28.56.

Memphis is making plans to invite the 1948 Southern Baptist Convention. Oakland, California, is also to submit an offer.

Dr. B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs, has been elected editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* to succeed C. E. Bryant, who has become Southern Baptist publicity director.



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FREEMAN JOINS 100% CLUB

New Zion Church, Choctaw County, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. This makes the pastor, Rev. H. W. Freeman, a member of the 100% club for his other church, Concord, adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan several months ago.

Record readers in Choctaw County are now listed as follows: ACKERMAN 75, BETHANY 14, Beulah 6, Blythe 1, Covenant 5, Fellowship 2, MT. MORIAH 32, New Zion 1, MT. PISGAH 22, Providence 5, WEIR 51, SPRING HILL 20, CONCORD 57, BETHLEHEM 19, Crepe Creek 8, Clear Springs 3, Wood Springs 1.

RIDGE CHURCH, SCOTT COUNTY

Ridge Church, Scott County, is now a member of the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. S. L. Young recently sent in a list of 25 names from this good church. No doubt these people are going to be more interested in Baptist affairs as they read each week about Baptist work at home and abroad.

Baptist Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows: COOPERVILLE 11, BETHLEHEM 34, Branch 3, FOREST FIRST 197, GOOD HOPE 42, HARPERVILLE 53, Hillsboro 3, HOMEWOOD 22, Hopewell 6, LAKE 40, Line Creek 4, LUDLOW 44, MORTON 90, OAK GROVE 16, PULASKI 18, SPRINGFIELD 72, CLIFTON 49, PLEASANT RIDGE 12, Sebaspotol 3, NEW HEBRON 31, SARDIS 13, Liberty 1, RIDGE 26, SAND RIDGE 15, EPHEsus 42.

ISOLA COOPERATES

Recently Rev. Harold Douglas, Deer Creek Associational Missionary began a campaign to make Deer Creek Association 100% for the Baptist Record. Most of the churches already have the EVERY FAMILY Plan, but Mr. Douglas wants all of them to have the Record. He made an appeal to the churches.

One of the very first to respond was Isola. The pastor is Rev. J. M. Spikes who has always cooperated with the organized work of Mississippi Baptists. They already had a nice list, but decided that what was good for part of the Isola Baptists was good for all of them. Therefore they sent an EF list of 25.

Other Baptist Record readers in Deer Creek Association are now listed as follows: ANGUILLA 44, CARY 24, CATCHINGS 30, ROLLING FORK 74, Issaquena 1, BELZONI 188, ISOLA 25, Louise 1, SILVER CITY 30, Wildwood 1, ARCOLA 50, GREENVILLE FIRST 310, GREENVILLE SECOND 23, HOLLANDALE 116, LELAND 237, SWIFTWATER 11, FERRIDAY 21, DARLOVE 44, Chatham 1, ALEXANDER MEMORIAL 17, CALVARY 8, EAST 54, GLEN ALLEN 22, VALLEY PARK 16, TALLULA 12, MAYERSVILLE 6.

FIRST CHURCH, JACKSON, ADDS 55 DURING WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

A week of Spiritual Emphasis at First Church, Jackson, was ushered in Easter Sunday, which was the first anniversary of Pastor W. Douglas Hudgins. Twenty were received for baptisms, 34 by letter and one by statement. Several children who made professions of faith will be received for membership after the pastor has had

opportunity to talk with them.

Dr. Hudgins did the preaching and Alvon H. Doty served as song leader. Miss Hazel Chisolm at the organ and Mrs. Hudgins at the piano were the musicians for the week. Only evening services were held. The attendance was good throughout the eight days.

Among the sermon subjects used by Dr. Hudgins were, "America's Paramount Need", "The Philosophy of Fools", "From Suicide to Salvation", "Watcher at the Cross" and "Climbing into Hell".

RE: Chapels—Gulfport Army Air Field, Gulfport, Mississippi

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Start Intermediate Day, April 27, with an INTERMEDIATE RADIO BREAKFAST for the Baptist Hour. Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas, is the speaker.

THE SPIRIT OF CALVARY

Several months ago we reported in this column the record made the first quarter of this Sunday school year by a 14-year class of boys known as "THE SPIRIT OF CALVARY," at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

We are much pleased to have their very recent report showing that one hundred per cent has been made by these boys, 334 times in 27 Sundays straight. Their aim for the year is 650 Hundred per cents. Looks as if they will reach it.

Congratulations to the teacher, Mr. O. M. Jones, and all these boys!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

On Easter Sunday, April 6, "Doc" Martin, superintendent, and Henry Graham, secretary, of Elon Sunday school, in Noxubee county, attended Sunday school for the 364th consecutive Sunday, having a record of seven years of perfect attendance at the Elon Sunday school.

Doc states that several other members have missed only 3 to 5 Sundays in the seven year period. One hundred percent attendance was registered on one Sunday, and the Elon school claims the best percentage attendance record of any Sunday school in Mississippi, and possibly in the United States.

Dr. T. D. Brown, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, is the pastor at Elon.

Our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Martin and Mr. Graham on this unusual record, as well as to the entire school on this great report.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 4-11 is Christian Home Week.

This special emphasis on the home during that week is to strengthen the homes of our people by giving special spiritual help to parents and children. Churches may make the observance of this week a dynamic force in the

community. The aim is to put special stress on the place and ministry of the Christian home and to lead every home to recognize Christ at all times.

To insure best results, make definite plans well in advance. Order a few copies of the leaflet, "Observe Christian Home Week." They are free for the asking.

HAVE YOUR VBS CLINIC

Our Sunday School Department is not having any Vacation Bible school clinics this year, as we did last, but we are leaving that to the leaders of the associations to plan for themselves.

Already quite a number of associations have planned such clinics for the early part of this year. These can be of great value in both enlisting the churches to have these schools, and also in improving the quality of work done.

If you have not planned such a clinic yet, for your association, be sure and do so right away. We shall gladly mail some of the free packages of literature to any one who wants it. So, we hope you have your clinic, too.

TRAIN THE PEOPLE

It is not too late yet to have that training class in THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. That book fits well into the plan of lessons from the Old Testament this quarter. It will be great help for your workers, and it will be fine for the pastor to teach this great study to his people. Blanks for reporting classes will be gladly sent on request.

SEND THEM IN NOW

If you have not sent in your application for standards for last quarter, do so at once. This will encourage your people in that they will realize they have gained a higher plane in their Sunday school work. We have blanks if you need them. A request is all that is needed to get them.

Send them to us NOW.

—BR—

GOOD HOPE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED MAY FOURTH Revival Starts April 27

The dedication of Good Hope Church, Perry County, on May 4 will bring to a climax the spring revival which begins April 27.

Rev. J. H. Cothen, Sr., will be the evangelist, assisting his son, Rev. J. R. Cothen, Jr., who is pastor of the church.

Morning worship will be held at the 11:00 o'clock hour on May 4, dinner will be served on the grounds and the hour of dedication will be 2:00 in the afternoon.

The church through its clerk, Mrs. George Lasset, Sr., extends a cordial invitation to friends, especially to those who helped financially to build the church, to come to the dedicatory service. A gift of \$350 from the State Convention Board is gratefully acknowledged.

Two years ago the church worshipped in a school house and now the church plant has a 42 x 32 foot auditorium and four Sunday School rooms. Electric lights and a Butane gas system add to the comfort of the

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

April 20, 1947

	S.S.	B.T.U.
New Albany	508	221
Laurel, First	259	114
West Laurel	143	99
Soso	36	56
Jackson, Parkway	352	211
Jackson, Northside	187	84
Jackson, Van Winkle	184	131
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	271	274
Jackson, Southside	92	96
Jackson, Calvary	875	295
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	924	321
Jackson, Daniel	157	64
Paul Truitt, Rankin County	38	49
Tupelo, Calvary	346	117
Enon, Panola County	58	56
Pascagoula, Unity	93	85
Pascagoula, First	618	116
Kreole	85	45
Columbus, First	518	207
Hebron, Yazoo County	55	91
Gulfport, First	432	104
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	208	143
East McComb	209	200
Batesville	250	60
Pickens		74
New Zion, Copiah County	32	48
Darling	70	40
Boyle	156	86
Rocky Creek, George County	86	119
Houlka	53	28
Bethel, Rankin County	47	26
Brookhaven	361	136
Wellman, Lincoln County	36	82
Center, Union County	151	64
Okolona	143	90
Tupelo, Harrisburg	223	100
Friendship, Pike County	141	116
Hattiesburg, Main Street	327	303
O'Tucklofa, Yazobusha County	54	
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	23	
Chester	57	
Booneville	210	86
Glenfield, Union County	53	33

April 13, 1947

Chester	58	
Picayune, First	407	89
Columbus, First	777	244
Pascagoula, First	71	
Glenfield, Union County	74	46
Houlka	86	31
New Zion, Copiah County	68	22
Wallerville	85	43
Center, Union County	167	52
O'Tucklofa County	36	
Boyle	239	114
Cross Roads, Webster County	46	
Providence, Tippah County	63	
Chalybeate	66	40
Okolona	177	107
Lumberton	173	29
Picayune, Goodyear	120	40
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	54	
Byram	63	60
Antioch, Lawrence County	47	
Tupelo, First	646	176
Tupelo, Harrisburg	292	104

building. The building itself is of concrete blocks and trimmed with red brick.

The Adams-Franklin W.M.U. held its March Rally with the Meadville W.M.S. The churches were well represented from every section of the Association. "Home Missions in the New World" was taught by the Meadville pastor, Rev. B. T. Bishop. Lunch was served by the Meadville W.M.S. The roll was called by each one calling their name and the church they represented. The voices were recorded on a record made by the church's Recorder. This roll was played back to the 45 ladies present. A spirit of Evangelism seemed to possess the group, and a sincere desire to give more time to the work of Home Missions in the churches represented. The Supt. of the Association W.M.U., Mrs. B. T. Bishop, is grateful for a fine cooperative group of helpers. Ten dollars from Every Baptist Record Family means Mississippi Baptists will provide for their own boys and girls. Eight hundred and forty of the 1080 enrolled in Mississippi College are Mississippians.



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In The Shepherds' Field

Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-18
By Mark Lowry, Goss, Miss.

In the afternoon of Christmas eve, 1944, three chaplains of us journeyed by taxi from Jerusalem to Bethlehem along the road by Rachel's Tomb. Just south of Rachel's Tomb we overtook a procession led and flanked by British Empire troops. From the native driver we learned that the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem was making his official Christmas Eve visit to the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The troops were for his protection, because on the Christmas Eve of the year before he had been fired upon by some of the inhabitants of the place who evidently objected to his being there.

The two other chaplains, who were Catholics, were on the program of the afternoon at the Church of the Nativity, but I was merely exploring. My plan was to spend a brief time in Bethlehem during the afternoon, return to Jerusalem and come back in the evening for the Protestant service in the Shepherds' Field. Accordingly, I asked the Jewish driver what he would charge to wait for me a short time and then take me back to Jerusalem. He replied that it would be five hundred mills (two dollars). After some bantering, he agreed on four hundred mills, provided I would pay him in advance. To this I would not consent. Therefore, he went on his way muttering. **Later I found that busses ran back and forth every ten minutes and that the fare was only twenty cents.**

Walking about Bethlehem during the great Christmas Eve Mass in the Church of the Nativity, because the limited capacity of the building would not permit the presence of a non-Catholic, I learned many things of interest and importance to a Baptist preacher. Approximately ten thousand people live in the ancient-modern, and very prosperous, city of Bethlehem. One of the chief businesses of the place is the making and selling of souvenirs. Those who operate the business claim to be lineal descendants of the crusaders. The Star of Bethlehem, according to the stars in the jewelry they make, had seven points, while the star over the Church of the Nativity has but five. Thus the controversy of the Middle Age continues. Bethlehem is on a high hill overlooking the country east and south.

After the service in the church, I went through the building, finding it to be very ancient. History says that Constantine built it about 330 A.D. However, there have been several alterations and additions since that time. The supposed place of the Nativity is a trough-like excavation at the foot of a great rock, the pavement of which has been much adored and kissed by Catholic (Greek and Roman) pilgrims from many parts of the world. It is likely that Jesus was born in a manger in this spot. But the place where the Magi adored him was not here. It was in a house somewhere in Bethlehem. (Matthew 2).

On the walk from Bethlehem to the Shepherds' Field, British and Empire troops were in the majority. We walked about two miles eastward, nobody seeming to know where the service was to be held. Just before dark I arrived at a place that answered to the description of the Shepherds' Field where preparations for a service were in progress.

I took my seat on a stone and medi-

tated for a long time, for the service was not to begin for at least an hour. The sky was now clear and the moon shining. This was indeed a shepherds' country. Sheep were all about. Caves in the hillsides nearby, where shelter from the weather might be found, were plentiful. Olive yards occupied many places in the more or less level ground east of Bethlehem. The wind was blowing from the east across the basin of the Dead Sea. My overcoat was an appropriate article of clothing.

I watched the throng assemble round the low mound on which the service was to be held. Through the opening in the stone fence on the side of the enclosure toward Bethlehem, soldiers from the ends of the English-speaking world were coming in a constant stream. As far as I could see they continued to come, slowly, meditatively. Beyond the extent of my vision a chain of slowly-moving lights began to take form. Curiously I watched them until at length I was able to discern lanterns borne on poles by black Australian soldiers, with their hats turned up on one side. By the lantern light the pilgrims could see to walk in the narrow and, frequently, muddy road without stumbling.

I looked across the plain to Bethlehem on the hill. Its quiet and peaceful lights called to mind, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The bright lights of the star on the Church of the Nativity prompted thoughts of that miraculous star of the Magi that first appeared in the East, then led the travellers to Bethlehem where it stood for a time over the place where the young child was...

As the time arrived for the service not many were able to hear the British churchmen who conducted it. Nevertheless, our worship at that time was unique. No man needed to hear a word. We could best worship individually and silently. Nobody can be sure that our Christmas Eve corresponds to the time of Jesus' birth. It could have been at that time of the year. Shepherds might well have been out in that place on Christmas Eve. Likely they were. At least, we were possessed by the truths and sentiments dear to

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The most successful revival meeting ever held in Center Terrace Baptist church, Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor, came to a climatic close Sunday night, April 6. This meeting was led by Dr. Percy Ray, missionary of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. Music was directed the first week by the pastor and the second week by Wayne Coleman of Mississippi College.

There were fourteen additions by transfer of membership from other Baptist churches. There were thirty-six who asked for membership by baptism. Six others are awaiting baptism, having been received by the church in recent weeks. The number baptized on April 20 was approximately fifty.

Among the unusual things about the meeting were that most of the people who turned to the Lord were adults. Another thing also impressive was that people returned to the meeting house at midnight and later after having gone home and could not sleep. Others came to the pastor's home at

the heart of every Christian. This one experience was worth the entire trip to Palestine!

Here we were on historic ground—ground of holy memories. Ruth the Moabitess came to Bethlehem and gleaned in the fields of Boaz, certainly not far from this spot. David kept sheep on this ground and played his harp in praise of God in the long ago. Here a great multitude of pilgrims was having the people of the land engrained camped when Caesar Augustus roll for taxation. These common stones heard the song of peace and good will sung by the host of angels. Perhaps grief-stricken mothers sought to hide in the near-by caves to save their babies from the violence of Herod's soldiers when they sought to kill Jesus.

early morning hours, asking for spiritual guidance and prayer. These were evidences of God's Holy Spirit leading both Dr. Ray and the people who gathered together.

During the meetings the house was crowded to capacity and some nights people stood outside at every window, unable to get inside. With a capacity crowd Sunday night opportunity was given for volunteer offerings to build a new church building. Nine thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars was subscribed with happy enthusiasm. On Monday following one thousand and fifteen dollars were contributed. It is believed more will be contributed each day. Any friends who wish to help in this progressive movement are asked to see Mr. S. L. Varner at Varner's Grocery, Mr. Calvin Morgan, at Jitney Jungle, Mr. W. B. Raspberry, 20 Washington, Mr. H. E. McKay, McKay Motor Co. These men constitute the Church Building Fund Committee. All volunteer contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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The May issue of the Baptist Student has a splendid article entitled "Personality Plus" by Rev. James L. Sullivan, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The Rev. Sullivan is a Mississippian, graduate of Mississippi College and recently pastor of First Church, Brookhaven.

"Youth Looks at Life" is on the Young People's page of The Sunday School Builder and is by Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Miss., lecturer and counsellor of youth. The message of assurance will be helpful to both young and adult readers.

Ten dollars from Every Baptist Record Family means Mississippi Baptists will provide for their own boys and girls. Eight hundred and forty of the 1080 enrolled in Mississippi College are Mississippians.

Pastor E. W. Willis of Hopewell Church, New Choctaw Association, did the preaching in the spring revival the week-end of April 5-6. Secretary Hubert Ben reports a good meeting with five additions. Census reports show 21 families.